

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

In the Claims

1. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule, comprising a nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of

(a) a nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes under stringent conditions to a molecule consisting of a nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, or SEQ ID NO:50 and which codes for a polypeptide having a RIP60 activity selected from the group consisting of DNA binding, protein multimerization, and nucleic acid looping,

(b) a nucleic acid molecule that differs from the nucleic acid molecule of (a) in codon sequence due to the degeneracy of the genetic code, and

(c) complements of (a) or (b),

wherein the stringent conditions are hybridization at 65°C in hybridization buffer (3.5x SSC, 0.02% Ficoll, 0.02% polyvinyl pyrrolidone, 0.02% Bovine Serum Albumin, 2.5mM NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (pH7), 0.5% SDS, 2mM EDTA); wherein SSC is 0.15M sodium chloride/0.015M sodium citrate, pH7; SDS is sodium dodecyl sulphate; and EDTA is ethylenediaminetetracetic acid.

2. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the isolated nucleic acid molecule comprises SEQ ID NO:1.

3. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the isolated nucleic acid molecule comprises SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5 or SEQ ID NO:50.

4. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the isolated nucleic acid molecule codes for a polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:2.

5. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the isolated nucleic acid molecule codes for a polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6 or SEQ ID NO:51.

6.-9. (Canceled))

10. (Previously Presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 8, wherein the fragment encodes a peptide which is a fragment of a polypeptide consisting of SEQ ID NO:2.

11. (Original) An expression vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claims 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 operably linked to a promoter.

12. (Original) An expression vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 9, operably linked to a promoter.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) A host cell transformed or transfected with the expression vector of claim 11.

15. (Original) A host cell transformed or transfected with the expression vector of claim 12.

16.-35. (Canceled)

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